

Protective and Detective Assn of Texas.

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Indian Territory.

Address all Communications to Protective
and Detective Association, Atoka,
Indian Territory.

ATOKA, I. T., Feb. 16, 1884.

The Protective and Detective Association of Texas opened a branch office for the Indian Territory here on December 1, 1883, and appointed Mr. D. N. Robb, of this town, manager, and Mr. E. S. O'Brien, of Dallas, secretary. The branch association since that time has been diligently employed in securing good and responsible agents throughout the Territory and so far have succeeded, much to their satisfaction. Their main object by so doing is to leave no part of the country insecure in that respect, as it adds much to the protection of all stock in their brand.

The Protective and Detective Association has now been two years and a half in existence and under the judicious management of its officers has surmounted all its difficulties, and has come to the front with a record that it may well be proud of.

On January the first of this year the Association, in its paper "The Extradition of Texas," had a list taken from its books of all the stock branded, stolen or strayed, and all recovered, and it shows a percentage of over ninety-five recovered, this extending back to the date when the Association was in its infancy, when the protection was not what it is today, and as it extends so will the protection be greater. Anyone of sound judgment can see that the Association has surmounted its difficulties. They have now over three hundred working agents in Texas and nearly fifty here, and hope soon to be able to report a hundred, and it is thoroughly advertised throughout the adjoining states, consequently they have not in one case out of five to pay the reward of \$100 for capture and conviction of a thief, for the reason that a thief will not now handle a horse branded with the letter C—it invariably gives him away, he cannot dispose of it, consequently he does not want it, unless he thinks he can get rid of it, and the consequences are before he can get very far there are hundreds of descriptions of that horse printed offering \$100 reward for the capture and conviction of the thief, and sent out over the States and Territories, into the hands of all their agents and the different sheriffs. The thief, unless he is very green, knows this, and if he does not he will learn better the next time.

The Association was chartered by the state of Texas November 30th, 1881, and the trade mark, letter C on left jaw, secured from the United States November 20th of the same year. Its object is to place stock in a position that thieves have no use for it.

The Association issues a certificate for every animal branded and registered. Every certificate is issued from the general office or the branch office of State or Territory, where there may be one, and signed by the President and Secretary and has the impression of the seal of the Association affixed thereon, a duplicate of which is recorded in the books kept for that purpose.

When an agent brands any stock he takes a description of the animal, giving a receipt to the owner for the fee charged for branding and registering the same, this description with the name and post-office address of the owner is forwarded to the general or branch office by the agent.

The certificate after being made out is forwarded by mail to the owner of the animal so branded and registered. Should anyone have any stock branded and registered with the Association stolen it is important that they immediately notify this office, giving the number of the certificate of the stolen animal. By reference to the books in our office we see by the number of the certificate the description of the animal. The office immediately notifies its agents and the officers throughout the country, giving a description of the stolen stock. A standing reward of \$100 is offered by the Association for the capture and conviction of anyone having stolen an animal branded with the Association. The letter C is so well advertised even should the officer and our agents not receive notice of stolen stock, the fact of anyone offering an animal for sale with the letter C branded on the left jaw and the person so offering the animal not having a certificate or giving satisfactory reference is evidence of something wrong and sufficient for the party owning the animal in his possession to be detained pending investigation of the matter.

Within the months of December and January last there have been over twenty-five horses stolen and recovered. We give the names of some of the parties and append a few of their letters: From Wm. Renthaw, of Dallas, Texas, one horse, recovered next day; Mr. Blackwell, of McKinney, Texas, two horses, dropped by the thief next

day; Mr. J. L. Wright, of Denton, two horses; Mr. H. P. Rogers, of Dallas, Texas, one; Wm. B. Morris, of Denton, Texas, two horses; Mr. Hulin, of Gainesville, one horse, and thief captured; Dr. H. C. Fry, of Santa Joe, Texas, one horse; Mr. Andrew Polack, of Kellam, Texas, one mule; Mr. Nash Leroy, of Terrell, Texas, one horse.

For branding cattle the fee will be \$1 per head on any number under 100 head; on lots over that number and over 500, 50 cents per head; and on lots of 500 and upwards, 25 cts.; such lots to belong to one individual or firm. The reward for cattle thieves, their capture and conviction will be \$50.

The Association is on a firm financial basis, and is an institution becoming more popular and favorably known every day.

None but responsible, sober men are wanted or employed as agents by this Association and in no case will a stranger be employed as agent, unless he comes well recommended by the officers of his county. In all instances agents will be required to give the Association a bond in the sum of \$200 with approved security.

The size of the Association's brand, the letter C, is 1 1/2 inches in height, two inches from top of arm o. l. to bottom of C, and one inch in width.

Agents are instructed to be sure and put a twist on the nose or ear so as to make a plain and lasting brand, and when that is the case no thief can get away with such an animal, for the brand will stop him every time.

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Editor BRANDING IRON:

DEAR SIR:—The great aim of the Protective and Detective Association is to arrange a complete network of guards around all stock taken under its protection so as to render such stock useless to thieves. This we do by giving the owner of a C horse a certificate (which is a title to his horse although the horse is in our brand.) A thief may steal the horse but he cannot get the title, and the C brand is now so well advertised that no sensible man wants to buy such a horse without the title. This is what we mean by saying that our aim is to render such stock worthless to thieves. Our mode of proceeding has been pretty fully explained in another article, but all know that we have to depend largely on agents for the detail work throughout the country. We try to use discretion in appointing such agents and we generally get good ones, but we must have to overcome the same difficulties that other enterprises do in the selection of help. But we especially have cause to be careful for the errors or misconduct of any of our agents recoils on the Association with very injurious effect, and we cannot afford to support any unworthy agent knowingly. Our aim, as stated above, may never be fully and in all particulars attained, yet the more earnestly and zealously all engaged work and watch the more nearly we will succeed. Encouraged by very gratifying results thus far we expect to go on until we get a good, reliable agent in each and every settlement of the Indian Territory, who will watch over the stock in the C brand as if it was his own. To this end we invite the cooperation of all good citizens and residents of the country.

D. N. Robb, Manager.

"Co-operative" Printing.

"It is reported that the Postmaster General is about to make a decision in regard to that class of newspapers known as 'patent cuttings,' 'musicals,' or 'co-operative,' that will necessarily cause a large number of local papers of the smallest circulation and least influence, to suspend publication. His reason for so doing is that the papers being printed on one side in the cities, and then sent by the quire to thousands of country publishers, who print the other half at home, is sufficient evidence that such papers are not self-sustaining, and in accordance has about decided to exclude all such from the mails as second-class matter. There are about 1,000 such publications issued in this country, and if the ruling goes into effect about 500 would suspend, while the remaining 500 of the 'co-operatives' would be greatly strengthened and could then afford to publish the whole of their papers so, in the end, the press, advertisers and the public would be greatly benefited."

The foregoing item, which has appeared in a country paper published at Sidney, O., is another evidence of the vindictiveness of some publishers where the co-operative papers affect their receipts for advertising and subscription. Section 7 of the Postal Law, approved June 23, 1874, says: "That newspapers, one copy to each actual subscriber residing within the county where the same are printed, in whole or in part, and published, shall be free through the mails but the same shall not be delivered at letter-carrier offices or distributed by carriers unless postage is paid thereon as by law provided." From this it will be seen that the Postmaster General's rulings have been anticipated by the National Congress, and the proposed decision would be illegal and of no effect.—Chicago Banner.

One of the engineers of the Hudson River Railroad, when at work upon it in 1849, says that the contractors and engineers made a culvert under the railroad large enough to allow Washington Irving to get out in his row-boat from the little Sunnyside Bay into the grand old Hudson to the rock upon which he composed the Sketch Book. He says that they all love Irving, and on his centennial drop a tear to the memory of the man who made the Sleepy Hollow ground classic by his pen.

Greeting.

To our Friends and Patrons: Often in the opening of the seasons, we have thought it to the interest of our patrons to take advantage of the newspapers to send greeting to our customers, not alone advertising our business, but with interesting reading matter, styles, what to wear and how to wear it, so that we shall all become better acquainted as to wear. We cannot shake you all by the hand, but we can always greet you one and all with a pleasant word. Our business has been established a number of years; we have always studied the interest of our patrons, and, as far as we know, have always given satisfaction. We are continually adding new departments to our immense store and always finding out the latest styles and novelties in the market.

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